

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 32, with the following paragraph:

As shown in FIGS. 2 and 3, the portable information processing apparatus generally includes a main body 1, and a lid member 3 which is capable of opening and closing with respect to the main body 1, via a hinge part 2. The main body 1 includes a front panel 4 which is exposed even in the state where the lid member 3 is closed. An auxiliary display section 5, a mode select button 6, an application button group 7, and a mode lock switch 9 are provided in this front panel 4, and remain visible from a common viewing angle both when the lid 3 is closed and when the lid 3 is opened (i.e., FIGS. 2 and 3, respectively) as well as the main display 15 being viewable in the common viewing angle when the lid is opened (FIG. 3). The mode select button 6 is manipulated when selecting an operation mode. The mode lock switch 9 is manipulated when locking the operation mode.